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DARKSEID**
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THE LEGION



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"HE WAS ALWAYS MY FAVORITE SUPERHERO. AND NOT JUST BECAUSE WE SHARED A NAME.
CLARK KENT.

"I USED TO PRETEND I HAD POWERS JUST LIKE HIS AND THAT ONE DAY WE'D TEAM UP.

"BUT THEN THE *CRISIS* HAPPENED. I GOT MY CHANCE TO BE SUPERMAN. FOR *REAL*. IT WAS A DREAM COME TRUE...

"UNTIL IT BECAME A NIGHTMARE. I LOST EVERYTHING. MY FAMILY. MY FRIENDS. MY WHOLE WORLD.

"AND I GOT **ANGRY.**

"I MADE SOME MISTAKES. INSTEAD OF FOLLOWING IN SUPERMAN'S FOOTSTEPS...

"...I BECAME HIS **ARCHENEMY.**

"EVENTUALLY I WAS GIVEN A **REDEMPTION** ARC.

"AND I USED IT TO HELP SAVE SUPERMAN. I SACRIFICED MYSELF TO STOP SOME LAME BATMAN RIP-OFF.

"OR SO I THOUGHT. I WOKE UP IN A NEW TIMELINE MADE JUST FOR ME. ONE WHERE EVERYTHING I LOST WAS RETURNED TO ME. MY FRIENDS AND FAMILY.

"AND MY **POWERS.** I USED THEM TO BE A HERO.

"BUT THERE WAS STILL ONE THING I WANTED..."



...A
TEAM-UP
WITH

SUPERMAN

WHO
ARE YOU
TALKING
TO?

UH...
YOU.

YOU CAN
TRUST ME,
CLARK.

THIS
TIME...WE'RE
GOING TO SAVE
THE FUTURE
TOGETHER.

DARKSEID IS ON THE MARCH, AND HIS HERALDS ARE CORRUPTED INCARNATIONS OF THE FUTURE'S GREATEST PROTECTORS: THE LEGION OF SUPER-HEROES. BEFORE SUPERMAN COULD BE DEFEATED BY THE LEGION, TIME TRAPPER TELEPORTED HIM TO A POCKET TIMELINE THAT IS HOME TO AN OLD ENEMY. SUPERMAN AND SUPERBOY-PRIME TEAM UP IN...

LEGION OF DARKSEID

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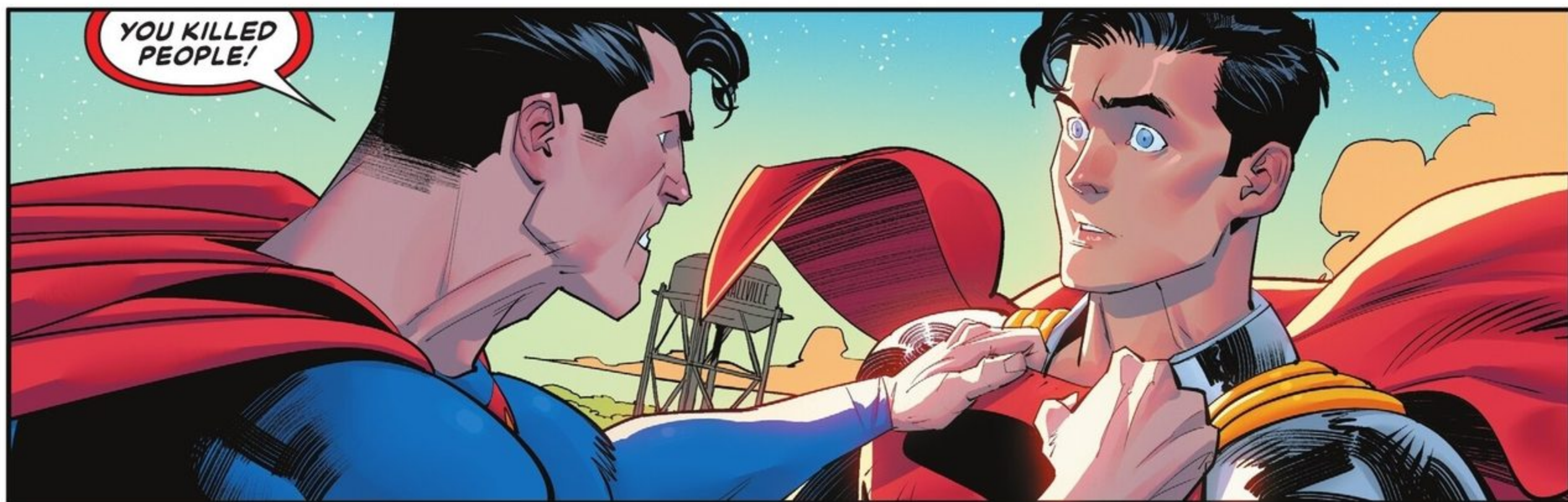
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HELL YEAH!
THERE WE GO!

AS SOON AS
WE GET TO THE
FUTURE, OUR
PRIORITY IS FINDING
BOOSTER GOLD.

WHO IS
BOOSTER
GOLD?

WHOA,
TIME REALLY
IS MESSED
UP.

A LOT OF PEOPLE
THINK BOOSTER GOLD
WAS A JOKE, BUT IF YOU
REALLY PAY ATTENTION, HE'S
ONE OF THE GREATEST
SUPERHEROES OF ALL
TIME. AND WE NEED
TO SAVE HIM.

WE'RE
HEADING INTO A
DANGEROUS SITUATION,
PRIME. WHY ARE YOU
ACTING LIKE NONE
OF THIS IS A BIG
DEAL?

BECAUSE I
ALREADY KNOW
HOW THIS STORY
IS GOING TO
END.

WE'LL GET TO THE
FUTURE. FIND BOOSTER
GOLD BUT BE INTERRUPTED
BY DARKSEID'S LEGION. THEY WILL
OUTNUMBER US AND KICK OUR
ASSES. OUR BACKS WILL BE UP
AGAINST THE WALL, AND JUST
AS THEY'RE ABOUT TO
EAT OUR LUNCH...

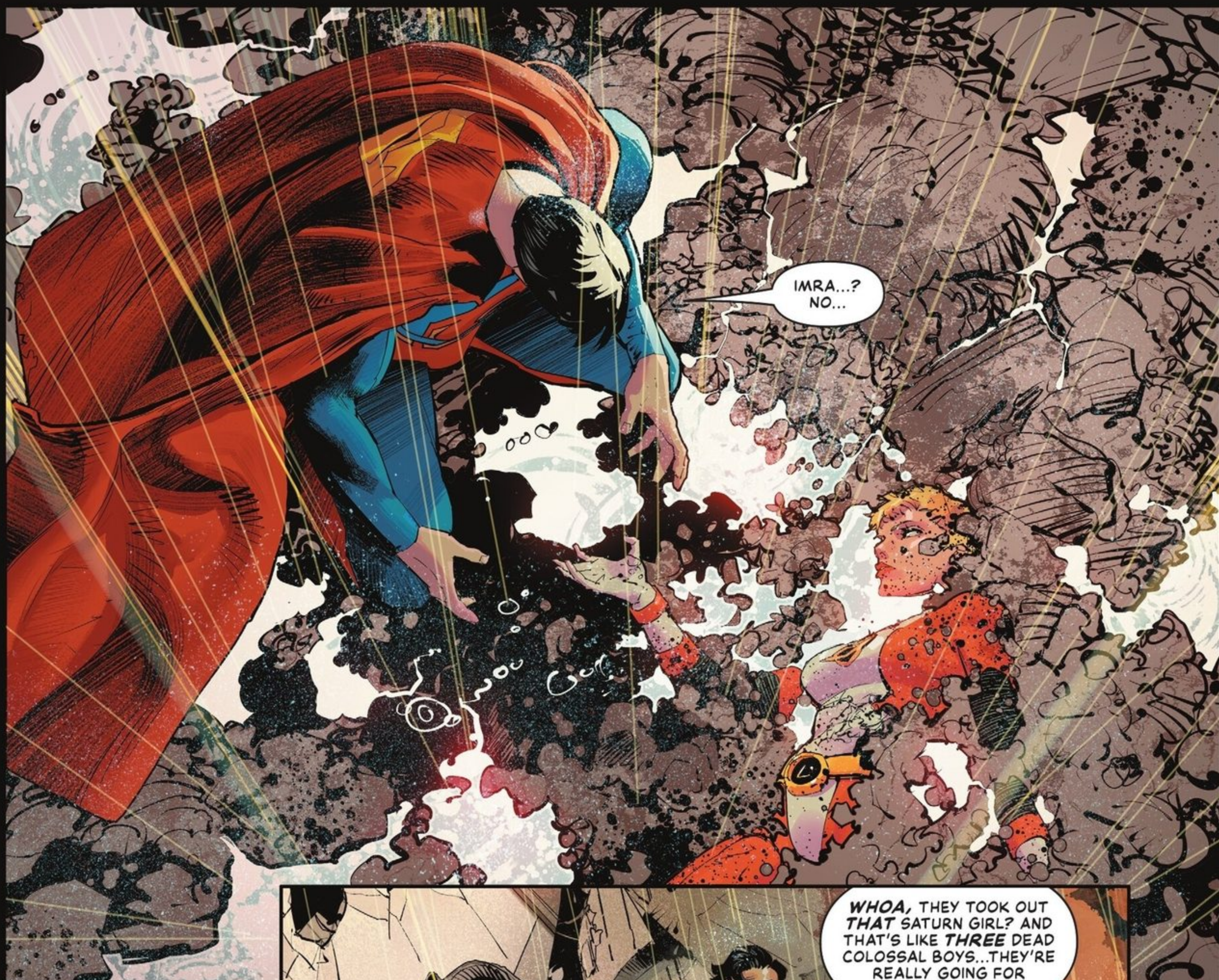
...NOT ONE, NOT
TWO, NOT THREE, BUT
ALL THE DIFFERENT LEGIONS
FROM A BUNCH OF DIFFERENT
POSSIBLE FUTURES WILL
SHOW UP IN THIS MASSIVE
TWO-PAGE SPREAD AND
SAVE THE DAY.

WE'LL ALL
TEAM UP AND
DEFEAT DARKSEID'S
LEGION AND THAT
BIG, GRANITE
@&#%!

TRUST ME.
IT'S GOING
TO BE...



...EPIC...?







...AND
WE LOST. WE ALL
LOST.

ALL THAT
IS LEFT TO DO
IS BURY OUR
DEAD.



COSMIC
BOY?

SUPERMAN...
IS THAT REALLY
YOU? YOU...YOU
SHOULDN'T BE
HERE...

ROKK...WHAT
HAPPENED? ARE
YOU THE ONLY
SURVIVOR?



FOLLOW
ME. I'LL SHOW
YOU.

THE
LEGIONNAIRE
RING NETWORK IS
DOWN, SO I HAVE
TO WALK...



COSMIC BOY IS RETURNING... AND HE'S BRINGING SOMEONE WITH HIM...



SUPER... MAN?



DAWNSTAR?

I AM SO GLAD TO SEE YOU, BUT YOU NEED TO GO BACK HOME. NOW.

THIS IS... EVERYONE?

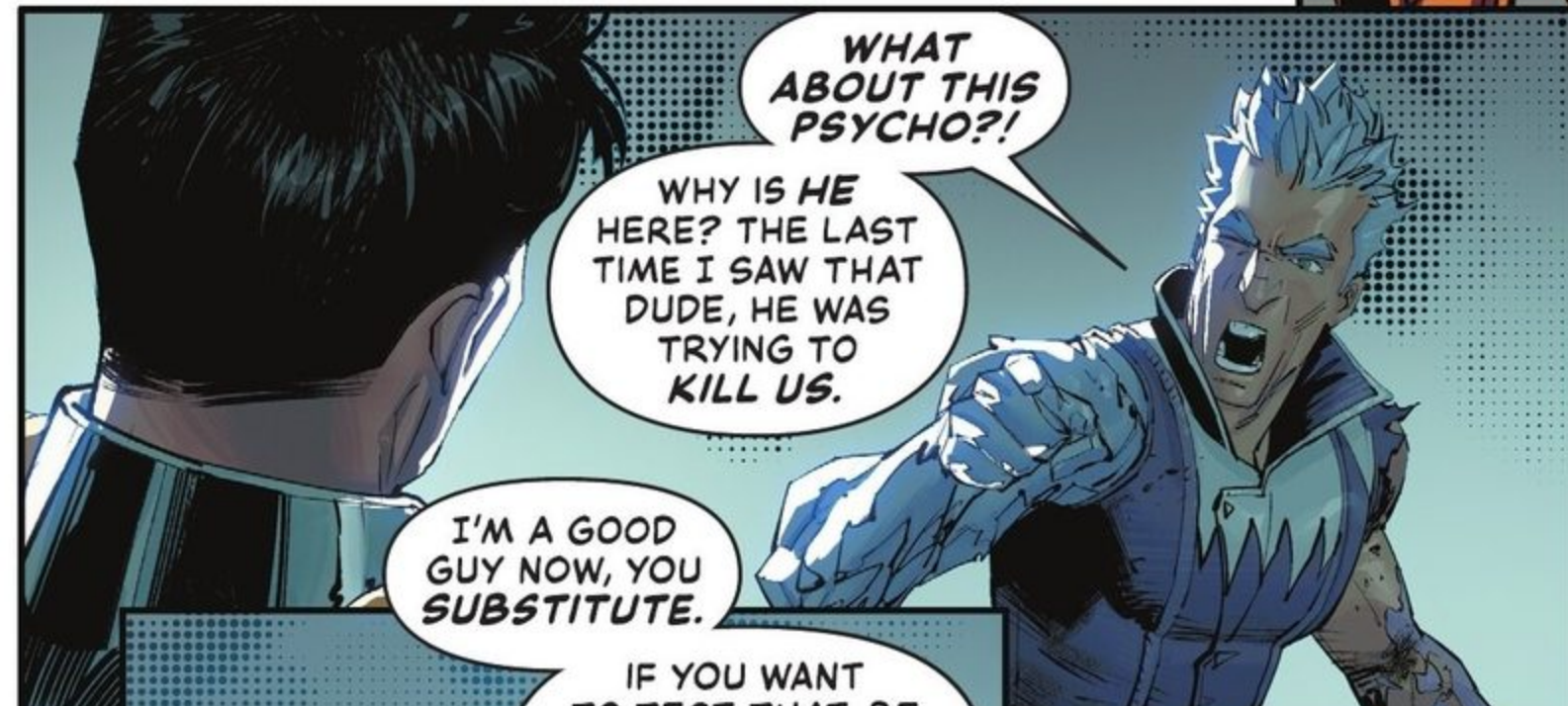


IS...IS THIS REAL? ARE YOU REALLY SUPERMAN?

I THINK IT IS...

IT'S THE REAL DEAL, ALL RIGHT.

WE MANAGED TO HIDE AWAY A FEW LEGIONNAIRES IN A SECURE LOCATION, BUT GOLD LANTERN, KINETIX, POLAR BOY, AND I DECIDED TO STAY BEHIND TO KEEP AN EYE ON DARKSEID'S ARMY.



WHAT ABOUT THIS PSYCHO?!

WHY IS HE HERE? THE LAST TIME I SAW THAT DUDE, HE WAS TRYING TO KILL US.

I'M A GOOD GUY NOW, YOU SUBSTITUTE.



IF YOU WANT TO TEST THAT, BE MY GUEST. I'VE NEVER USED MY HEAT VISION ON A SNOWMAN BEFORE.



CALM DOWN, POLAR BOY.

WE NEED BOTH OF THEM IF WE'RE GOING TO STAGE A COUNTER-ATTACK.

HERE, BRAINIAC HAS A PLAN...

WHICH BRAINIAC ARE WE TALKING ABOUT?



DURING THE
LEGION WAR WE
MANAGED TO CATCH
ONE OF DARKSEID'S
FORCES.

THIS BRAINIAC
IS NOT FROM OUR
TIMELINES. HE'S FROM
A WORLD **CREATED**
BY DARKSEID.

EVERY CELL
IS INFUSED
WITH HIS
PRESENCE.

BUT WE'VE BEEN
ABLE TO HACK THIS
BRAINIAC'S SYSTEMS JUST
ENOUGH TO LEARN THEY ARE
USING THE OLD **TIME**
INSTITUTE AS THEIR
HOME BASE.

IF WE
LOBOTOMIZE IT,
WE CAN LEARN
MORE.

SO, I TAKE
IT YOU HAVEN'T
LEARNED **HUMANITY**
YET IN YOUR
TIMELINE.



GREAT, JUST
WHAT WE NEED. MORE
THAN ONE PERSON WHO
THINKS THEY ARE THE
SMARTEST **\$\$\$&#** IN
THE ROOM.

WE'RE
DOOMED.

PRIME, STOP.
THAT KIND OF
TALK DOES **NOT**
HELP US.

THE
BRAT'S RIGHT,
SUPERMAN.

THE FUTURE IS DEAD. HOPE IS GONE. NOTHING WE EVER DID MATTERED.

ALL THOSE LIVES WE'VE SAVED...WE SAVED THEM FOR THIS TORTURE.

HIS LEGION... THEY'RE LIKE US, BUT **NOT**, SUPERMAN. THEY ENJOYED HURTING US. IT WAS...**FUN** FOR THEM.

WHERE THEY CAME FROM, THEY NEVER HAD **YOU** TO SHOW THEM THE WAY. TO INSPIRE THEM. THEY ONLY HAD **DARKSEID**.

WE'RE JUST **KIDS** PRETENDING TO BE SUPER-HEROES.

THEY ARE THE LEGION NOW. THERE IS ONLY ONE FUTURE...AND IT'S DARKSEID'S.

YEESH. WAY TO BE A DOWNER, DUDE.

I WOULDN'T STRESS OVER THESE GUYS TOO MUCH. NO REAL HEAVY HITTERS HERE.

IT'S JUST YOU AND ME AGAINST **THEM**, DUDE.

STARMAN.

THOM, MY OLD FRIEND. YOU AND I HAVE HAD A FEW ADVENTURES TOGETHER. IN YOUR TIME **AND** MINE.

YOU'RE PART OF A LONG LINE OF HEROES.

A LEGACY.

A LEGACY
THAT GOES BACK TO
BEFORE *ME*. A PART OF
OUR PAST, PRESENT,
AND FUTURE.

I KNOW THE
LEGION STARTED
BECAUSE YOU
WERE INSPIRED
BY *ME*...

...BUT I WAS
INSPIRED BY *YOU*. BY THE
LEGION. YOU HAVE EARNED YOUR
ROLE AS THE FUTURE'S HEROES
COUNTLESS TIMES WITHOUT
MY HELP.

THE FUTURE
IS UNWRITTEN.
WE STILL HAVE A
CHANCE. EVEN NOW,
IN YOUR DARKEST
HOUR...

...EVERY BIT OF
LIGHT IS CAPABLE
OF DEFEATING THAT
DARKNESS.

THEY
OUTNUMBER
US. BY, LIKE...
A LOT.

MY RING
IS RUNNING OUT
OF POWER, BUT IF THIS
IS OUR LAST STAND...I'M
GLAD TO KNOW WE HAVE
SUPERMAN LEADING
THE WAY.

WHAT DO
YOU WANT US
TO DO?

WE FIND
BOOSTER
GOLD...



"...AND STOP THIS HORROR FROM EVER HAPPENING."

THEY'RE HOLDING THIS **BOOSTER GOLD** AT THE TIME INSTITUTE. NORMALLY TIME TRAVEL IS ILLEGAL, BUT DARKSEID'S LEGION HAS BEEN USING IT TO JUMP AROUND THE TIMELINE DOING THEIR MASTER'S BIDDING.



WHY ARE THEY KEEPING BOOSTER ALIVE? WHY NOT JUST KILL HIM?



ONLY ONE WAY TO FIND OUT.

THERE THEY GO. THIS MIGHT BE OUR CHANCE.



WE NEED TO BE CAUTIOUS. THIS COULD ALL BE A TRAP TO LURE YOU OUT...

THEY DON'T KNOW I'M HERE WITH YOU, SO WE HAVE THE ELEMENT OF SURPRISE.



HEY, SO MY NERD BRAIN JUST CAUGHT A PLOT HOLE...

IF COSMIC BOY HAS MAGNETIC POWERS...



...WHY WAS HE USING HIS HANDS ON THE SHOVEL TO DIG THE GRAVES?

HM...



TOOK
YOU LONG
ENOUGH.

CHAMELEON?!

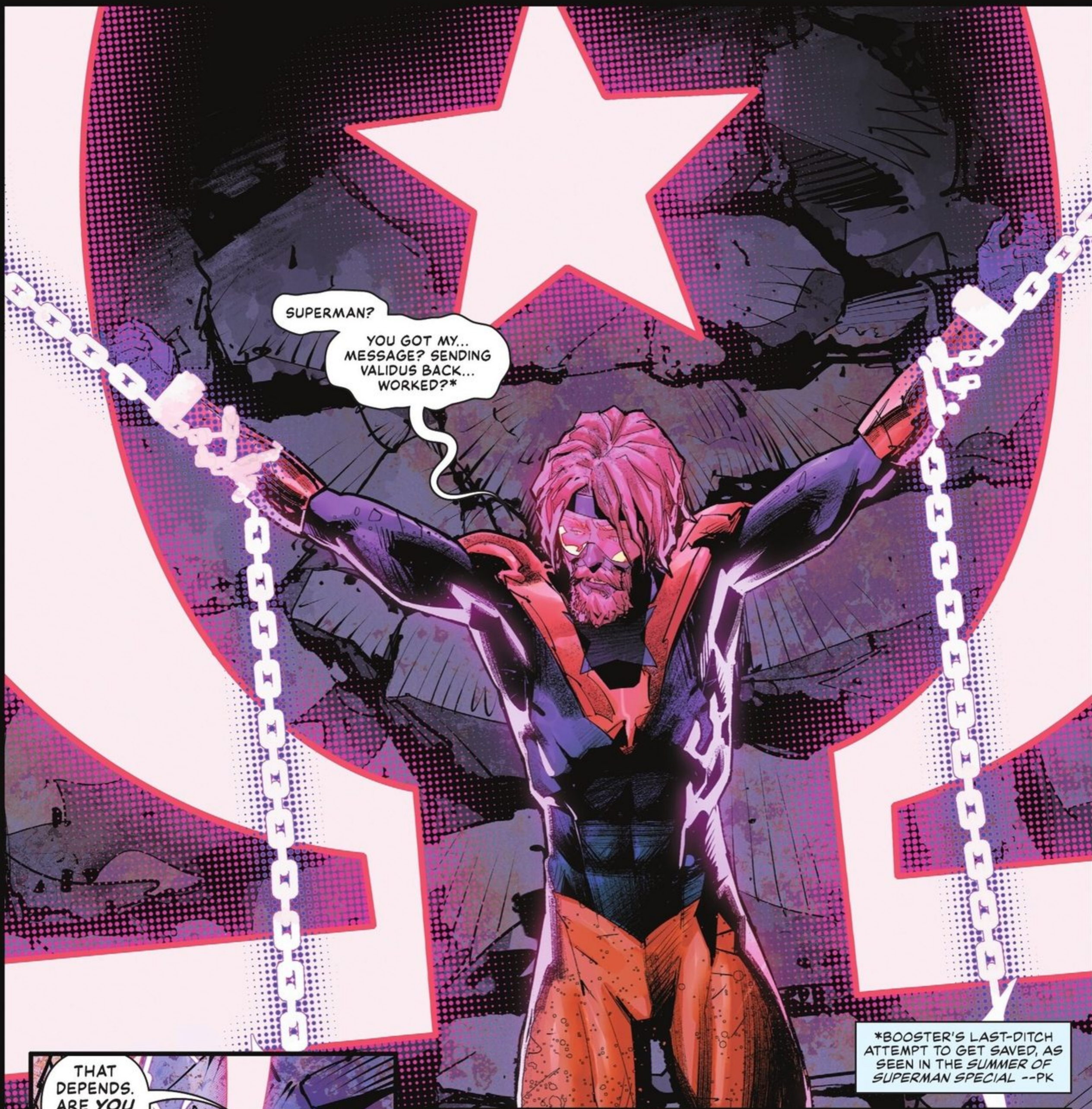
SO MUCH
FOR THE ELEMENT
OF SURPRISE,
SUPERMAN.

I GOTTA TELL
YOU...YOU'RE MAKING
THIS TOO EASY. WE DON'T
WANT TO KILL YOU. **WE**
WANT TO **BREAK**
YOUR SPIRIT.

BECAUSE IF
YOU LOSE HOPE...
DARKSEID WILL BE
UNSTOPPABLE.

YOU'D NEVER
HURT A FRIEND,
RIGHT?





SUPERMAN?

YOU GOT MY...
MESSAGE? SENDING
VALIDUS BACK...
WORKED?*

*BOOSTER'S LAST-DITCH
ATTEMPT TO GET SAVED, AS
SEEN IN THE SUMMER OF
SUPERMAN SPECIAL --PK



THAT
DEPENDS.
ARE YOU
BOOSTER
GOLD?

GEEZ,
EVERYTHING'S REALLY
BECOME "WHAT HAVE I
DONE FOR YOU LATELY?"
HASN'T IT?

A GUY TAKES
A FEW MONTHS OFF
AND EVERYONE...
FORGETS HIM...



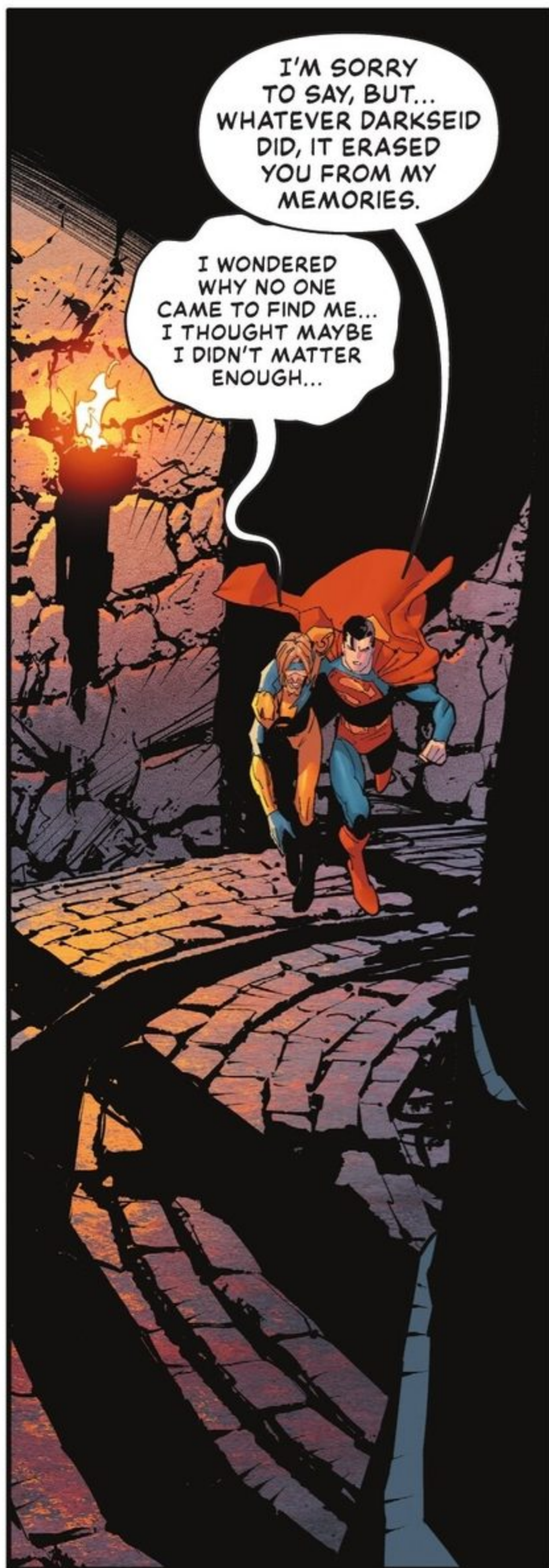
BUT YOU
SHOULDN'T BE
HERE, SUPERMAN.
YOU DON'T KNOW
WHAT I'VE
SEEN...

...WHAT
DARKSEID HAS
PLANNED...



...WE CAN'T
BEAT HIM THIS
TIME...

WHAT
HAPPENED?



I'M SORRY TO SAY, BUT... WHATEVER DARKSEID DID, IT ERASED YOU FROM MY MEMORIES.

I WONDERED WHY NO ONE CAME TO FIND ME... I THOUGHT MAYBE I DIDN'T MATTER ENOUGH...



★ IT STARTED WHEN THE NEW JUSTICE LEAGUE WAS FORMING. *YOU* INVITED ME TO JOIN THE TEAM *YOURSELF*. I REMEMBERED THAT MOMENT IN TIME. THAT IT WAS A SPECIAL ONE. BUT SOMETHING *CHANGED*.



"AFTER DARKSEID DIED, I VOLUNTEERED TO GO INTO THE RIFT CREATED IN HIS WAKE. I HAD THE RIGHT KIND OF CHRONAL ENERGY TO MAKE THE TRIP TO THE OTHER WORLD SAFE. AT LEAST ACCORDING TO MR. TERRIFIC.*"



"BUT HE WAS WRONG. I DIDN'T GO TO ANOTHER WORLD. I WENT TO THE *FUTURE*. SKEETS WAS GONE, SO I HAD NO RIDE BACK...

*DETAILED IN THE EPIC ALL IN SAGA COLLECTED EDITION --PK



I MANAGED TO STAY AHEAD OF THEM FOR ABOUT TWO YEARS WHILE THEY WAGED WAR WITH THE DIFFERENT LEGIONS FROM ACROSS TIME. BUT I COULDN'T JUST HIDE. I SAW THE GOOD LEGIONS LOSING AND HAD TO HELP.

THAT'S HOW THEY CAUGHT ME.



YOU'VE BEEN HERE FOR *TWO YEARS*?

THAT WAS *BEFORE* THEY CAUGHT ME... I HAVE NO IDEA HOW LONG THEY HAD ME CHAINED UP.

HOW LONG HAS IT BEEN FOR YOU?



DOESN'T MATTER. LET'S GET YOU HOME.

YOU DON'T *HAVE* A HOME TO GO BACK TO, SUPERMAN.

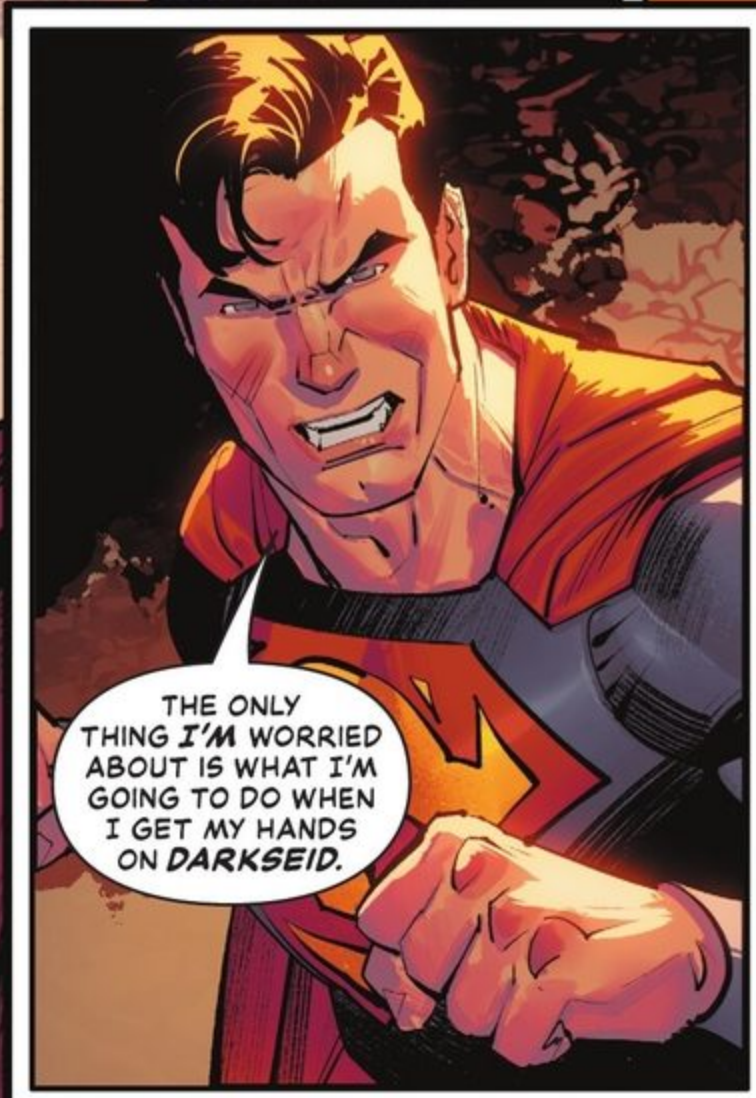


THE FUTURE IS DARKSEID'S.

AND IT'S ONLY A MATTER OF **TIME** BEFORE THE PAST AND THE PRESENT ARE HIS AS WELL. TIME TRAPPER THOUGHT HE WAS **CUTE** GRABBING YOU, BUT HE JUST SET YOU UP TO **FAIL**.

AND YOU KNOW IT, TOO...DON'T YOU? MY POWERS CAN SENSE IT INSIDE YOUR MIND. THE DOUBT. THE WORRY. THE **BURDEN**.

BUT DON'T WORRY. WE'RE NOT GOING TO KILL YOU. OUR MASTER WANTS YOU TO **WATCH** AS HE **ENDS EVERYTHING**.



THE ONLY THING I'M WORRIED ABOUT IS WHAT I'M GOING TO DO WHEN I GET MY HANDS ON **DARKSEID**.



NOW WHERE DO YOU THINK YOU'RE RUNNING OFF TO, LOSER?



THAT SPEECH ABOUT LEGACY AND THE FUTURE WAS **INSPIRING**, SUPERMAN. BUT YOUR HEART BLINDS YOU TO THE TRUTH.

WE LOST.



AND YOU KNOW WHAT THEY SAY...



IF YOU
CAN'T BEAT
'EM...

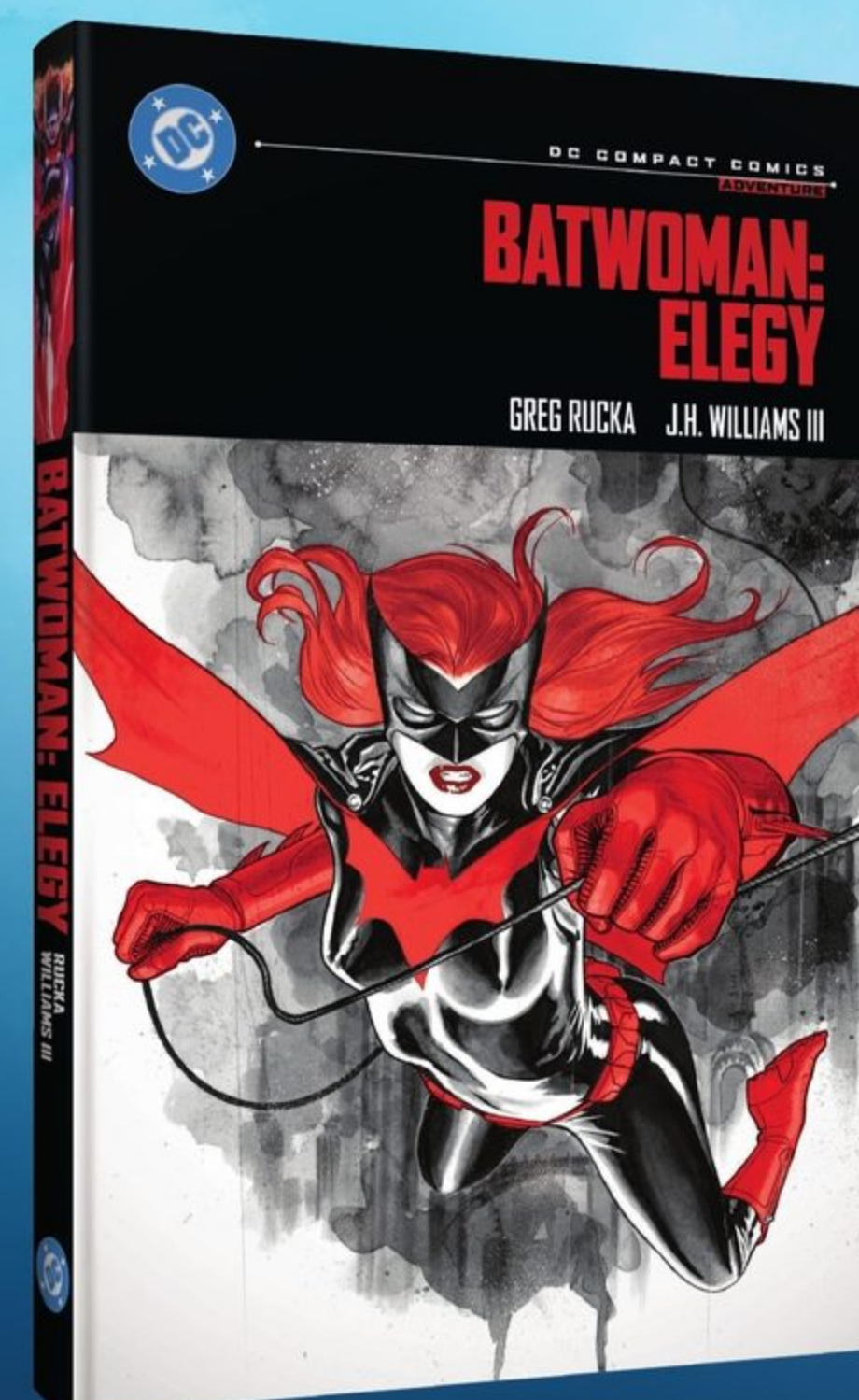
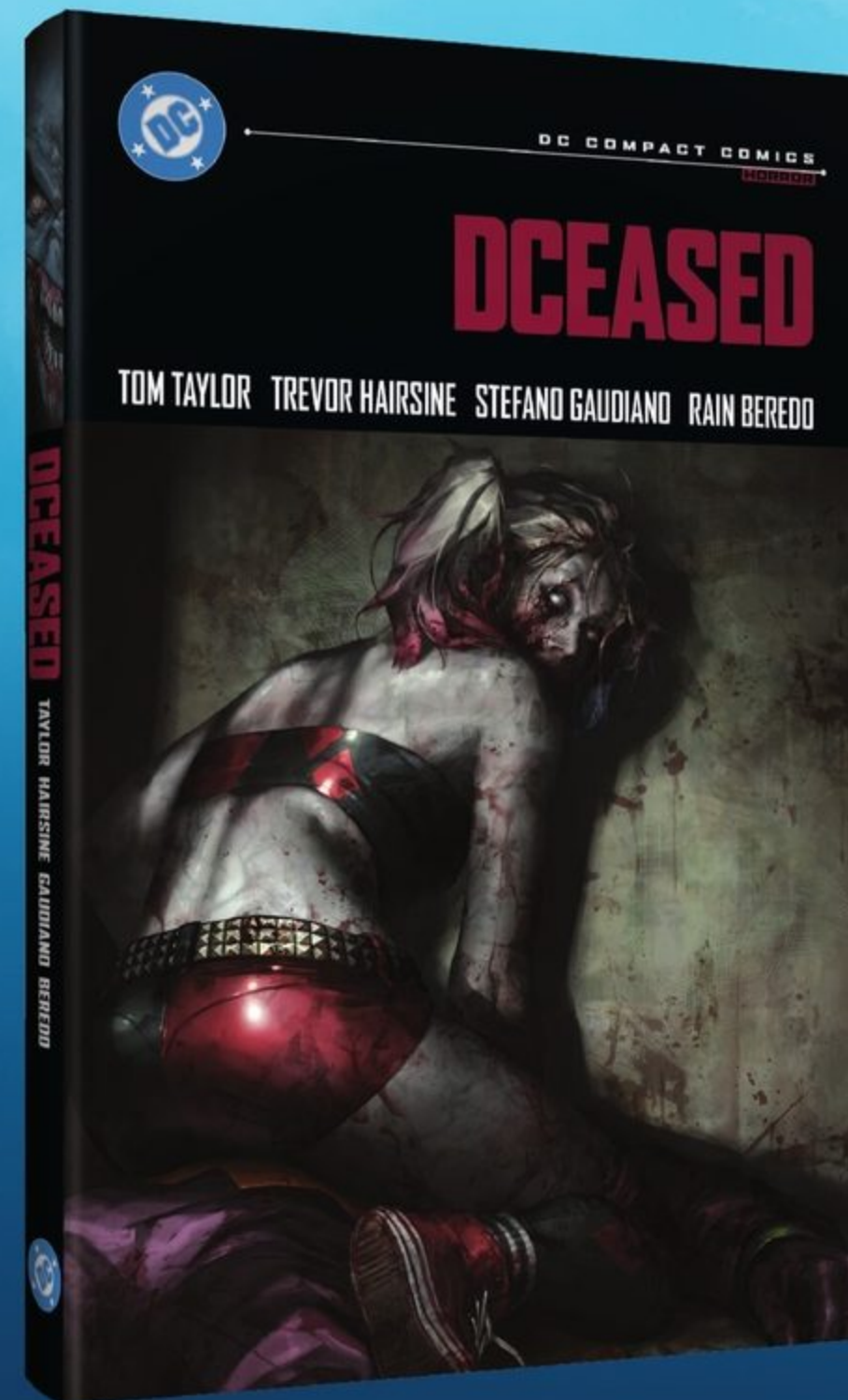
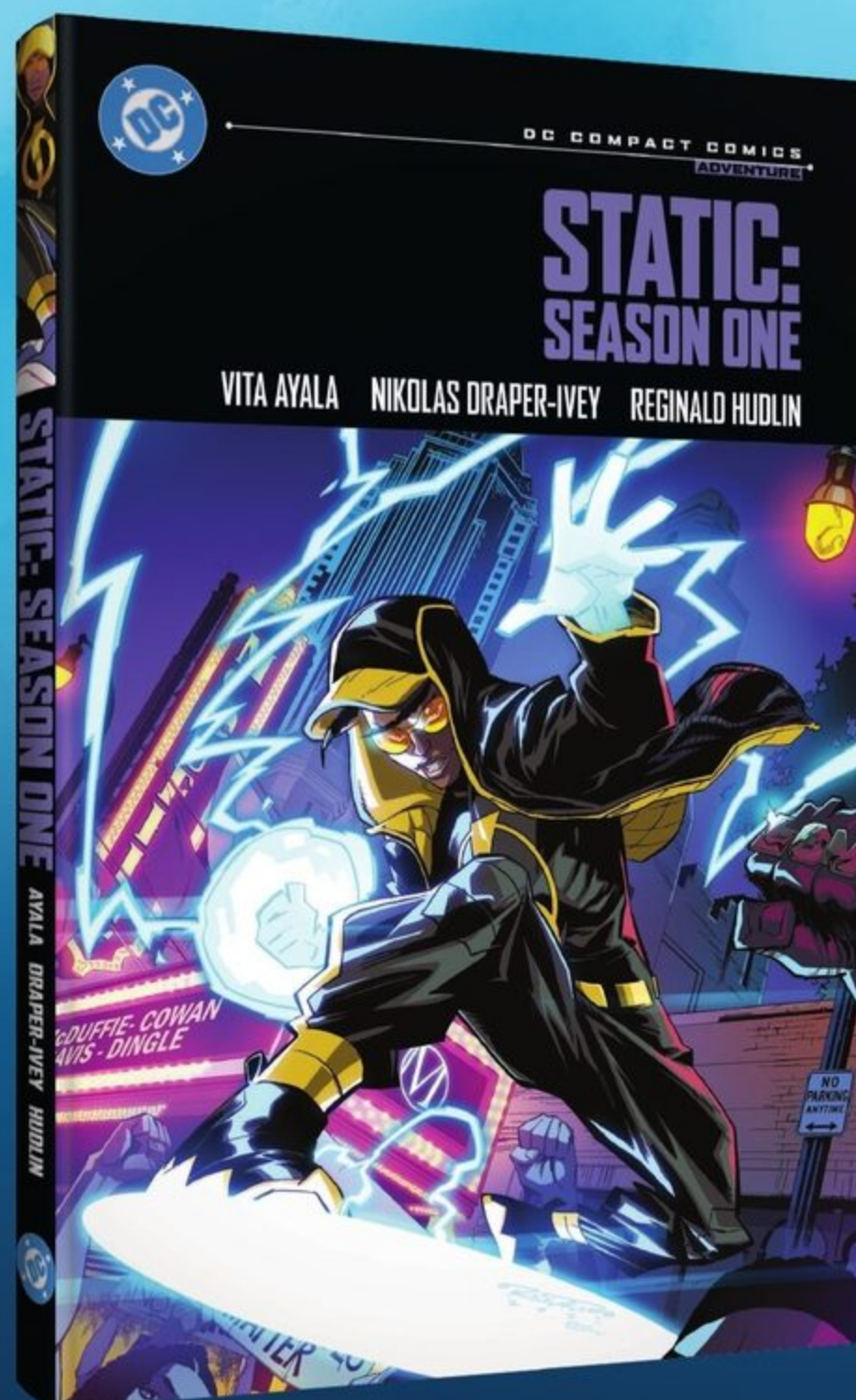
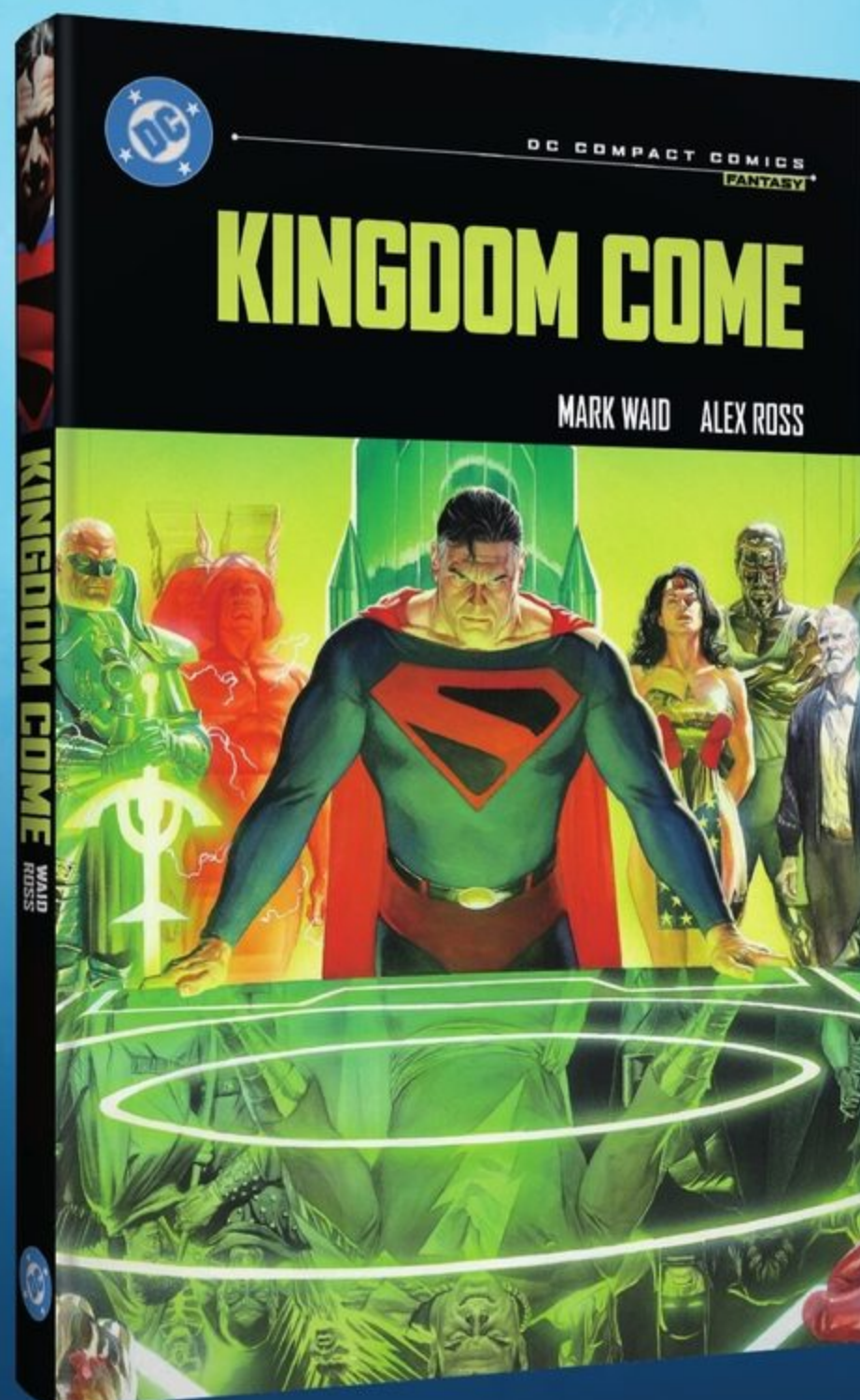
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'EM.

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SUPERBOY-PRIME AND THE
LEGION OF DARKSEID?!**



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INTERVIEW WITH MATT FRACTION

Returning to a monthly DC series for the first time since the Eisner Award-winning *Superman's Pal Jimmy Olsen*, writer Matt Fraction talks his plans as the new *Batman* series writer—the dream job he's trained for since he was three—and teaming with superstar artist Jorge Jiménez, someone who is very familiar with the Gotham City streets.

What is your vision for the series and the character?

Matt Fraction: Between the end of Chip Zdarsky and Jorge Jiménez's run and where things are in *H2SH*, it felt like a moment for a new day in Gotham. We got a new Batmobile, we got a new costume, we got new characters.

This is the book that brought me into comics. I wouldn't be here if it wasn't for *Batman*. It was the first comic I ever read. Some part of me has been waiting to this since I was three, and I have a lot of ideas and cool stories to tell. And it's a new #1! There's only been three or four of those!



How are you looking to approach the tone of the book?

Part of the reason Batman has lasted as long and has resonated as loudly as he has as a character is because he's incredibly resilient. He can be all kinds of things to all different people all at the same time, whether in comics, animation, or movies.

To me, [the new *Batman* series] is Batman central. It's a very superhero forward take on Batman. There's a lot of detective-ing, there's a lot of supervillains. All the stuff that makes Batman the coolest character in comics. I want to celebrate it all and give it all a chance to shine.

We're doing self-contained issues. Each issue is a full beginning, middle, end, and builds as the series goes. Every issue is a new adventure, a new style, a new flavor, a new take.



What's it like working with Jorge Jiménez?

He's a dream. He's incredible. He's fast. He's brilliant. There's nothing I've thrown at him so far that he's not been able to draw. Both of us are trying to make this the Batman book we most wish we can read in the world, and it's a whole lot of fun.



Which villains are you excited to write?

Killer Croc is in the first issue. Croc has gone through some changes with all the changes happening in Gotham. We have new villains coming—a lot of classic villains as well.



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